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Cc: Kelli Cunningham
Subject: FW: TPCG- Ethics Advisory Opinion 2021-711-A/C/P

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Dear Sue;

Below are responses from the Department Director.

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Sent: Monday, October 18, 2021 11:13 AM
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Subject: RE: TPCG- Ethics Advisory Opinion 2021-711-A/C/P

Good Morning Jules,

The answers are as follows:

1. Yes, the enrollment is limited to 170 children. Above income families can apply, however only 10% (17) are allowed to enroll.
2. Araminta Rainey decides what children will be admitted based on selection criteria determined by a Head Start committee. The committee is made up of parents, board members and staff.
3. Araminta Rainey receives and reviews the applications.

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Kelli;

Please read below and answer the questions from ethics. I tried calling your office but got answering service. Thx.

JPH,Jr.

From: Suzanne Mooney <Suzanne.Mooney@LA.GOV>

Sent: Thursday, October 14, 2021 4:38 PM

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Subject: RE: Ethics Advisory Opinion 2021-711

Dear Mr. Hebert,

It was a pleasure speaking with you this afternoon. In an abundance of caution the Board decided to defer your opinion request in order for me to gather some facts and do some more research to see if there is any exception to the Code available to Ms. Rainey. The Board takes no pleasure in keeping any child from a Head Start program. It appears that Ms. Rainey would have potential issues with Sections 1112 and 1113 of the Code of Governmental Ethics for transacting with and participating in the official public duties to the benefit of her immediate family member. The Board has on occasion implemented a "Routine and Mechanical" exception. Ie where an employee of DMV could get a driver's license because anyone who qualifies or passes the test is entitled. Therefore they asked me to request further information on the following:

- 1) Is there a limit on how many children in Terrebonne Parish may attend the Head Start Program?
- 2) If so who decides which children will be admitted to the program?
- 3) Additionally, Who receives and reviews the application for admission to head start?

As per our conversation I realize Hurricane Ida has left your Parish severely damaged and it may take longer than usual to respond to my request. There is no rush on the part of the Board, however, if I receive the information by next Tuesday the request will be placed for consideration on the November Ethics Board Agenda if it is after Tuesday your request may be [pushed to the December Ethics Board agenda.

Thank you for your cooperation. Please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

SueMooney

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